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Morehead, Kentucky

Kiecbuch named 1997 CWC Player of the Year

MSU's star player led the Lady Eagles into semifinal tournament play. Now the Wisconsin junior says she may take her talents elsewhere.

BY TRES DEAN

STAFF WRITER

The Seattle Mariners have Ken Griffey Jr.

The Chicago Bulls have Michael Jordan.

The Morehead State Lady Basketball Eagles have Amy Kiecbuch.

And just as Jordan and Griffey carry the star moniker for their respective sports franchises, so does Kiecbuch for MSU.

Throughout the 1996-97 season, Kiecbuch took on the role as the Lady Eagles' "Prime-time Player," dazzling both fans and her coaches with her superior play.

In a recent interview with WMKY Radio Sports Director Chuck Mraz, outgoing Lady Eagles Coach Janet Gabriel talked about her star player.

"Amy is very exciting to watch," said Gabriel.

"I've seen Amy do things on the basketball court that I will still be talking about years from now."

Kiecbuch came from what some might consider as a humble basketball beginning. She played her prep years at tiny Midchick High School near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

During my high school years, we were never that successful," says Kiecbuch. "My sophomore year, I played on the varsity squad, but we were basically a losing team."

"We never competed well in our season tournament and I didn't really have the chance to win a championship or make it to the state finals," she says.

Because Kiecbuch played her prep hoops at a small, obscure school, mainstream coaches weren't exactly knocking down her door at the end of her senior season.

"I didn't get a lot of exposure in high school because my team never got anywhere," Kiecbuch says.

"I had a lot of small Division I and Division II schools around Wisconsin talking to me, but I wanted to play at a higher level."

Kiecbuch decided to play at Kankakee Junior College, where she was named a Kodak All-American twice and racked up over 1,300 career points in just two seasons.

As a freshman in 1995, Kiecbuch led her squad into the finals of the Junior College National Championship Tournament. It was at this tournament that MSU assistant coach Wendy Griffin first caught a glimpse of Kiecbuch.

"After being contacted by the coaches here on many occasions, I decided to play for Morehead," Kiecbuch says.

"I really liked the campus and the program in general so I didn't want to waste any time. I signed early in the Fall of '95 during my sophomore year at Kankakee."

Head Coach Janet Gabriel first watched Kiecbuch play during a day-long tournament at Kankakee and says she knew from the start that Amy had the potential to become the greatest player in Lady Eagle history.

"Coach Gabriel told me that I would be stepping into a leadership role," says Kiecbuch. "I knew from the start I would be playing a lot of minutes and taking on a lot of pressure."

With so much riding on her performance, it would have been easy for Wisconsin junior to fall short of her coach's high expectations.

Kiecbuch says she looked upon the pressure and high hopes as a challenge.

And Kiecbuch took the challenge and ran with it. She led the Lady Eagles through a rough start into a mid-season surge that carried them into the semi-finals of the CWC Conference Tournament.

Kiecbuch was named CWC Player Of The Year, averaging just over 24 points per game while shooting a whopping 64 percent from field range.

With the presence of a full-blown star and the return of a strong supporting cast, the future looked extremely bright for the Lady Eagles at the end of the season.

But a dark spot clouded the bright expectations recently when Kiecbuch let it be known she was

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Photo by Tim Haddock, courtesy of MSU Photo Services

Kiecbuch scored 41 points in a Feb. 20 win against Tennessee State to tie a Lady Eagles' record for most points scored in a game

Student pleads guilty to sex charge

BY MICHAEL CORNETT
EDITOR

A recent MSU student and Theta Chi fraternity member pled guilty Friday in Rowan County Circuit Court to charges of sexual misconduct stemming from an October 1995 incident involving a female student.

According to MSU Police reports, Joseph P. Hancock, 23, of Frankfort, was arrested Nov. 1, 1995, and indicted on charges of first-degree rape.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Gary Atkins said the charge was later amended to the lesser charge of sexual misconduct.

Atkins said the incident took place on Oct. 28, 1995, at Hancock's residence in White's Mobile Home Park after Hancock and a female student had left a Halloween party at the Theta Chi house.

According to a criminal complaint filed by the victim through the Rowan County Attorney's Office, the victim said she had become very intoxicated earlier that evening, and had gone with Hancock to his trailer where she went to sleep. She said when she awoke, Hancock had removed her shorts and was having sex with her.

According to the complaint, the victim said she was incapable of consent because she was in a deep sleep resulting from excessive alcohol.

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Residents say Wilson conditions are unsanitary

Students complain of broken bathroom fixtures, flooded floors

BY MELISSA CORNETT

EDITOR

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MANAGING EDITOR

Leaking toilets, flooded bathroom floors, broken urinals and sinks, graffiti-covered stalls and water fountains clogged with debris and trash—these are the conditions that many people associate images like this with subway station bathrooms and big city tenement squalls.

But several MSU students living in Wilson Hall say they endure these kinds of

unsanitary and annoying conditions on a daily basis.

"It's the ghetto, the projects," freshman Brandon Jackson says of the all-male freshman residence hall.

"We pay around \$700 to live on campus, so the least they could do is provide sanitary bathrooms for us," Jackson says. "It's pretty bad when you can't go into the shower without smelling the foulness."

"When I see the urinals overflowing everyday, it makes me wonder where that

\$700 is going," he says.

Jackson says he is satisfied with the education he is receiving at MSU, but his opinion of campus life has been dampened as a result of the living conditions in Wilson Hall.

Despite his objections, Jackson says he feels he has no other choice than to remain in the hall, because all freshmen who live on campus are required to live in designated freshman dorms, or on freshman floors of other dorms.

"If I had a choice, I really would not live here," he says.

Besides common student complaints about unsanitary conditions in Wilson Hall, some students say they also have objections with the lack of privacy in the bathrooms.

Third-floor resident Josh Lynch says his first week on campus last semester was a major shock.

"I was under the full assumption that I was going to have split-off showers and toilet stalls with doors on them," he says.

Lynch says this is not the case in Wilson, where the third-floor stalls are often covered by shower curtains, and the shower area consists of six shower heads with no partitions.

"I just wanted to go home, but I was told not to worry about it. Everyone said, 'You'll just get used to it,'" Lynch says.

"Sometimes I get up at 2 a.m. to go take a shower," Lynch says. "Sometimes I don't take a shower at all because I don't want to take one with a bunch of other guys."

"We shouldn't be forced to stand there

naked beside some other guy," he says.

Third-floor resident Brian Gross says, "It's pretty sorry that we can't live better than we do. They treat us worse than farm animals."

Though he is disgusted with the recurring problems in the dorm, Gross says he feels the juniors assigned to work there do the best they can with what they have to work with.

Freshman Brad Lockard, another third-floor resident, says he feels the bulk of the problems stem from students who are away from home for the first time.

"I think a lot of it is that some students just don't know how to act any better," he says. "Their mommies and daddies are not

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Bonds will finance Wellness Center

BY MELISSA CORNETT

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MSU's Board of Regents meeting in regular session Monday, authorized a \$2 million bond issue to pay for Phase II of the Student Wellness Center.

MSU President Ronald Eaglin said Monday that Phase II, which will offer an indoor walking track and swimming pool, will not be funded by further dips into the reserve fund and that the expanded program will generate more revenue through special programs.

In other Phase II discussions, SGA President and Student Regent Jason Newland presented a resolution to the Board concerning the accessibility of the health services offered at the Laughlin weight room and the AAC pool.

Newland recommended the Board look into ways to create comparable hours at the two sites to those of the Wellness Center.

"The accessibility of the Laughlin weight room and the AAC pool are not currently comparable to those at our Wellness Center as it is

right now," Newland said.

"A major student concern that has been voiced to me is that if our students pay an equal amount of their activity fee for these services, they should have the same accessibility to be healthy and fit in the best surrounding for that person," he said.

Newland said he is open to ideas as to how to improve accessibility to the services.

Newland said he plans to work with the Wellness Center in conducting a survey to get students' ideas and opinions of the programs and services currently available and also services they would like to see included at the center in the future.

In other Board action, it was

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Regents hold open forum

BY JERAD BURGESS

STAFF WRITER

The "frustration could be used to sum up the expressed feelings of students, faculty and staff who met with Board of Regents members in an open forum Monday.

Regents Chair L.M. "Sonny" Jones said at the start of the forum:

"We don't have all the answers, but one thing we know for sure — if higher education was properly fund-

ed, the concerns that you have right now probably would not be as great as they are."

The Board held a barrage of diverse questions, many of which dealt with how and on what the University spends its money.

Funding concerns expressed included classroom building renovation and library resources.

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Photo by Jerad Burgess

MSU President Ronald Eaglin spoke to members of the Morehead Chapter of Commerce on Thursday, March 6.

WILSON

from front

here to pick up for them."

First floor resident Jan Rauch says he feels many of the problems with the second and third floor bathrooms could be eliminated if residents on those floors would stop complaining and start taking better care of the facilities.

"We help to keep up our bathrooms, but we don't clean the janitorial crews so our floor is clean," he says. "If they (second and third floors) did the same, they would have a problem either."

Building Services Supervisor Linda Kegel says the second and third floors of Wilson Hall have been a problem for her department all year.

"The second floor is the worst floor," Kegel says. "The other day, someone took a permanent magic marker to all but two or three of the room doors. They did the same thing to all the shower walls and the mirrors."

As a result of that incident, Kegel says Wilson Hall custodians were ordered to spend several hours trying to clean up the mess.

KIECKBUCH

from front

uncertain about his future with MSU basketball.

"I haven't made anything official yet, but right now I am leaning in the direction of transferring," she said.

Kieckbuch, who says she still has a lot of thinking to do on the subject, won't say what might have prompted her to think about leaving MSU, or which, if any, schools

HANCOCK

from front

hol consumption.

A conviction of sexual misconduct carries a possible sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

Had Hancock been convicted of first-degree rape, he could have faced a possible sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison for the class B felony.

Adkins said conditions for Hancock's plea agreement were established through cooperation

"It came off the shower stalls and the mirrors, but it will not come off the dormitory doors," she says.

Steve Leitz, building maintenance supervisor, says members of his crew tried without success to remove the graffiti with solvents, and will now have to repaint the doors.

Leitz says it will take more than a simple quick fix to repair the overflowing urinals on the third floor. He says objects have apparently been forced into the drains, and the pipes are severely clogged.

Leitz says maintenance workers have tried to auger the pipes several times to clear away the obstructions, but those attempts were unsuccessful. He says the urinals will now have to be torn from the walls and the surrounding block will have to be replaced to the pipes. He says the repair should be completed by the end of this week.

Besides incidents of graffiti-related vandalism and problem urinals, Kegel says the custodians have had to deal with even more disgusting and outrageous problems in the bathrooms of Wilson.

"She said fecal matter has been smeared on the walls, commodes and floors."

"It's disgusting," Kegel says. "My God, they are grown ups. I'm sure they didn't do this kind of stuff at their own homes," she says.

"Wilson is the worst and always

has been," Kegel says. "I don't know if it's because there are freshmen living there or what."

"I've changed custodians, but it doesn't matter who I have in there. It's horrible," she says.

Kegel says residents of Wilson Hall get away with much of the vandalism due to the lack of discipline from Hall Director Dwayne Musick.

"He is responsible for maintaining that building and the discipline of the students," she says.

Kegel says she feels, while it is Musick's responsibility to call maintenance crews to come in and fix what is broken, she finds herself making most of the calls herself.

Kegel says she has spoken to Musick about a more serious matter concerning residents' shattering fluorescent light bulbs on the hallway floors.

"It's very dangerous because when they throw them onto the ground they will explode," she says.

"The custodians can put light bulbs in one day and by that night the students have taken them out and busted them in the hallway," Kegel says. "The next morning, the custodian has to replace the lights again, but the next night it's the same way."

Kegel says neglect on the part of the residents and the hall director is the source of an already lengthy list of disciplinary problems at Wilson.

recent dismissal of Coach Janet Gabriel, has put a damper on the recently rejuvenated spirits of many Lady Eagle fans.

But whether she decides to stay or to go, Amy Kieckbuch has created her own page in MSU sports history books.

The fans are just hoping she will be around long enough to write the final chapter.

POLICE REPORT

March 4

Drake, Jennifer, 21, 141 Thompson Hall, operating vehicle on suspended license.

March 5

Cantrill, Timothy, 10, 215 Alumni Tower, DUI.

March 8

Brown, Terry, 20, Morehead, Alcohol Intoxication.

Dingus, Eric, 23, Morehead, Alcohol Intoxication.

Kanatzar, Joe, 20, 601 Alumni Tower, Alcohol Intoxication.

March 9

Clifton, Freeman, 23, Louisville, DUI.

March 11

Royda, Rogeno, 23, #6 Shander Hall, Fourth-Degree Assault/Child Abuse.

"There is trash behind Wilson because the residents do not bother to take it to the trash room — they just throw it out the windows instead," Kegel says.

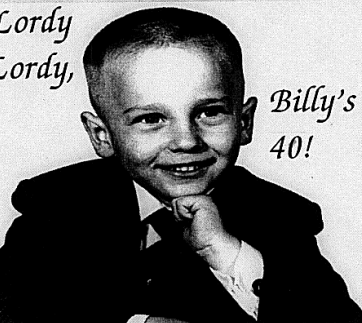
"It's ridiculous," she says. "If he (Musick) would just walk around the building, he would see what they are doing."

Some kind of disciplinary action taken."

Dorm Director Musick, and Kenny White, director of Student Housing, both refused comment on problems at Wilson Hall when contacted by *The Trail Blazer*.

"We have the best kids of all the universities I've visited," he says. "But, there are a few kids who make it part of their day to tear something up."

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EDITORIALS

MSU officials need to reprioritize library

Camden-Carroll Library is having a close-out sale. Everything must go!

What you just read is the lead to a story we don't want to write. But considering the current lackadaisical support for the library by MSU administrators, that painful story may have to be printed at some point in the future.

In the short term, no one knows the fate of the campus's primary resource center. The threat of the library losing its accreditation has loomed since a recent report showed MSU's library materials budget lags far behind the median for budgets of other comparable institutes of higher education.

Fortunately, as a recent survey conducted by the Faculty Senate indicates, the library, despite a lack of necessary funding, is important to MSU professors. The survey shows 97.4 percent of the faculty use the library and 82 percent teach courses where students are expected to use the library for research. In addition, professors responding to the survey listed library holdings among their top five priorities to be considered for funding by the university.

Right now library funding is suffering from a substantial decrease after not having had an increase in several years.

Library Director Larry Besant and his staff at Camden-Carroll are to be commended for weathering the windstorms caused by administrative "hot air." They have kept the library afloat by stretching the meager dollars doled out by university officials who have apparently lost sight of the goal of higher education, and where its roots are grounded.

T.M.

Text-only system not worth technology fee

As the rest of the world races towards the information superhighway, Morehead State University students are stuck at the on-ramp.

MSU students currently have access to Netscape Navigator. The only problem is they often have to wait in line to use it. The library's computer lab is a high traffic area, especially during mid-term and finals, and computer availability is at a premium.

MSU students pay a "technology" fee at registration with the understanding that technology will be available when they need it. Many students bring their own computers in an attempt to avoid the labs. These students face additional fees before being allowed to hook up to the academic computer system. When finally allowed to log on, ready to "surf the net," they find out about the technology available, or lack thereof.

Campus residents who use computers in their rooms, don't get the same service as those who wait in line at the library. After paying a \$25 deposit and a \$20 per-semester rental charge for in-room access, students get half the information for a higher price, because almost every web site has images that can't be accessed from MSU's text-only servers.

And the campus system is set up so that access to an outside server, such as AOL, is impossible. To hook up to these services, an analog phone system is needed. MSU has digital lines.

When the phone system was installed in 1988, the services offered may have been state of the art. But this is 1997.

With the click of a button, the world is available to most people on the information super-highway. But MSU students will just have to sit at the technology on-ramp and wait for a tow truck to the 21st century.

S.C.

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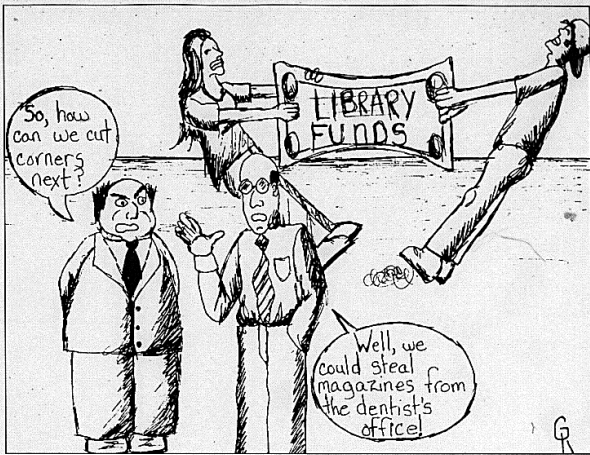
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Live safe: Read, sleep and have some sex

You can't win for losing in today's world.

I say this because of a pattern I've noticed between two of my classes this semester — biology and health.

I go to biology on Monday nights and find out about all the nasty, horrible, disgusting things we are doing to make this planet one hell of a mess.

You can't win in health class either. Our generation, by and large, does not get enough exercise, is



TOM MUSGRAVE
COLUMNIST
"Break After Hours"

encountering more stress, will be prone to more diseases, and apparently has the dietary habits of Jabba the Hutt.

What's more, because of our poor physical condition, we can't have sex with quite the frequency and variety that our parents did unless we want to invest in oxygen-supplied NASA space suits.

Nitric oxide was wrong when he said "what does not kill us makes us stronger." Apparently "what does not kill us" is too busy killing someone else to bother with the rest of us for the time being.

In the inches of the human condition, I have brainstormed and come up with a few safe activities.

Sleeping comes to mind. The inherent safety of this activity lies in its ability to prevent people from

harming themselves or their environment.

I will be so bold as to venture that Joseph Hazzardwood, the sanded skipper of the Exxon Valdez, would have been a much more effective oil tanker captain had he been sleeping if it in his cabin at the time his ship was travelling through Prince William Sound.

One activity often taken for granted, but one that is absolutely safe is reading. Most of us likely don't think much about how environmentally friendly reading is. Oh, sure, there's the old chance that you might get a paper cut and release the black plague of the microbes via some new form of blood-borne pathogen, but reading is by and large the most efficient use of paper I can think of.

Finally, on a somewhat controversial note, I would have to say that sex is, for the most part, an environmentally and personally safe activity. When I say this, I make a broad assumption that most people know how to read and, therefore, are capable of making sound decisions concerning sex.

Think about it — two people engaged in an activity requiring a great deal of strength, exercise and concentration and also requiring a significant amount of time — two people who are not otherwise murdering other people, putting pollutants into the atmosphere or burning a rainforest.

I can see a government subsidizing in support of sex showing up sometime in the future.

Commentary

Rap star murders result of lifestyle choice

BY ANTHONY DAVID BURNS

Glitzy and glamour or hell and horror. How much does life imitate art?

In less than six months, two prominent rap superstars have been killed in drive-by shootings. Tupac Shakur was shot last fall in Las Vegas, and Christopher Wallace (The Notorious B.I.G.) was shot early Sunday morning in Los Angeles.

Both rap stars sold millions and made a name for themselves by relating explicit stories about hard life on the street.

Despite the stereotype of rappers and rap music promoting violence — violence wasn't the main ingredient when rap first started in the late '70's.

The thugish, hard-core, gangsta lifestyle so prominent in today's rap music is a product of a much darker, harder time. It is a product of the nineties.

Both of these men lived the

gangsta life. The rappers also flaunted extreme riches and an out-of-bounds lifestyle in their music videos. Both had run-ins with the police, the judicial system and with each other to show just how hard they could be.

The dangerous lifestyle of Shakur and Wallace glorified in their music, was the same lifestyle that killed these two young men. Not because they were violent men, but because the lifestyle they loved put them in danger.

The art of hip-hop music can make someone an overnight success. If people can relate to, understand or believe your story, you can be a star.

With the success comes money, cars, women, intoxicants, fast friends, fame and flights to exotic places — the luxuries many people dream of.

But sometimes the luxuries aren't

worth the final cost, especially when the cost is death.

Were the lifestyles gained and

enjoyed by Shakur and Wallace through music tainted with violence worth the price? Ask their families.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

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CAMPUS COMMENT

What do you think would get people more involved in campus activities?



Tyrone Davis
Senior, Advertising

"Some incentives. I would want to get something in return like money, prizes, food."



Teri Greenbaum
Senior, Nursing

"Definitely improve publicity, especially word of mouth."



Irma Bruckner
Sophomore, Business Administration

"Publicize them more. Advertise more."



Dolores Peters
Senior, Education

"I think they schedule them when other things are going on and maybe better advertising."

CAMPUS LIFE

Web page highlights Kentucky authors

Academic village a part of statewide network

BY JOHN WELLS IV
STAFF WRITER

Need information on the works of Jesse Stuart? Wondering who James Still is? With the addition of the Language Arts Academic Village on MSU's web page, students should find this information nothing more than a click-away.

Clara Keyes, MSU librarian and assistant to the project, said the village was created to allow information on the literary works of Kentucky authors to be readily accessible to area schools, and to provide a resource for teachers who want to include these authors in their lesson plans.

Keyes says MSU's village is

part of a network of similar villages being set up at different educational institutions across the state. She says the villages will offer a variety of information on subjects relevant to education in grades K-12.

Keyes says the villages, which are sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education, contain information on everything from math to geography. Each page, she says, will contain links to other pages that are relevant to other specific subjects.

Keyes says MSU's village will connect regions across the state via a virtual literary map in an effort to increase awareness of Kentucky's authors.

"I went through elementary and

high school in Kentucky, and it wasn't until after I graduated that I had a class where I studied Kentucky authors," she says. "I thought all writers came from Europe or New York."

"It was a revelation to me that there are actually great authors here in Kentucky," Keyes says. "It is important to me for students to know that you can be a writer if you live in Kentucky, or that there are important writers here, maybe living right down the road."

MSU received a \$10,000 grant from the Kentucky Board of Education for the expenses of maintaining the site. Keyes says MSU's primary contributions to the village will be space on the MSU web server, the use of multimedia libraries in preparing materials for the site and maintenance of the village in the future.

Keyes says there is an advisory council for the university's web

page that is responsible for selecting authors and content for the village. She says the council consists of area teachers, representatives from the KDE and a member of each regional service center.

Keyes says the process of setting up the village is a slow one, but the road ahead on the information superhighway looks promising.

"When you set up a page like this, people begin wanting to add links to their own pages," Keyes says. "It may be that in the next few years, pages about these authors will already exist. Our main job will be to ensure that the links are of the quality we want to make available in the public."

The village can be accessed by following links on the MSU home page, or by going directly to the address: <http://www.morehead.edu/projects/village>.

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Campaign proposal rejected by SGA

BY JAMES THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Meeting in its regular session, MSU's Student Government Association rejected on Wednesday, a proposal that would restrict candidates from ADUC's premises on election day.

The proposal was entered into debate by Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Chair, MC Giles stated that under Section E of the Student Government Association Executive Officer Election Rules & Procedures for Spring 1997 would have read as follows:

"There will be no campaigning on the ADUC block election day. All candidates cannot enter ADUC except...on election day to vote."

The LAC believed Section E of the Spring 1997 rule book lacked clarity.

Section E of the rule book reads as follows: "There will be no campaigning which is trying to

persuade someone to vote through verbal or written communication on the first floor of ADUC up to the second floor (including the stairways), or on the patio directly in front of the entrance doors to ADUC."

"Though I won't...anything that could clarify the ADUC thing, I would support," Vice-President for Programming, Jason Ferris, who was taken to Student Court after being charged with violating the campaigning rule on election day last year, said in Wednesday's meeting.

The proposal sparked a debate that ensued for approximately 30 minutes.

In reaching a consensus, members of Congress agreed rules restricting the candidates' presence in ADUC would infringe on their rights as paying students.

Further, Ferris stated that it would be virtually impossible to control his "crazy fraternity

brothers" from campaigning on his behalf.

SGA President, Jason Newland, said individuals do have work-studies in ADUC and that changing Section E might threaten an already low voter turnout rate.

On a more positive note, the SGA voted to appropriate \$550 to the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA).

DPMA will be attending the Association for Information Technology Professionals National Conference & Competition on April 5-7.

DPMA will promote MSU in the field of a computer language competition and will bring back up-to-date technology and information to all computer information science students.

Funding assistance will partially support transportation, housing and accommodations for DPMA's members.

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The MSU Astrophysical Observatory will be hosting a "Comet Catcher's Night" on Monday, March 24. Observation will begin at dusk and conclude the following morning.

Since July 23, 1995 astronomers have followed the

enormous comet Hale-Bopp through telescopes. But March is the month to get a bird's-eye view of this comet. Hale-Bopp will make its closest approach to Earth on March 23 and 24 while passing in front of the Andromeda Galaxy. At that time, the comet will be about 120 million miles from Earth, according to a press release

issued by the MSU Astrophysical Observatory.

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Netscape soon available in resident rooms

BY SCOTT CARPENTER
STAFF WRITER

For MSU students who access the internet through the university's academic system at locations other than on-campus computer labs, the current availability of nothing but text-only information is probably quite frustrating.

But university technology officials say a change is on the way that will make students' journeys on the information superhighway more colorful and less black and white.

Gary Van Meter, director of Information Technology, says by early summer, students using Asynchronous Data Interface (ADI) boxes to access the internet from

computers in their residence halls will have the Netscape Navigator service at their disposal.

By using Netscape, which is already available in the Camden-Carroll Library's computer lab and various offices on campus, students will be able to readily access both text and its accompanying graphics or pictures.

Mike Eldridge, MSU network manager, says the university's digital phone system, without change, is incapable of adequately carrying Netscape.

"When the new phone system was started in 1988, there were no graphics, only text," Eldridge says. "What we had was state of the art."

The phone system is digital and

only carries 9600 baud. Baud is the transmission speed at which data is transferred," he says. "Now Netscape works at 14400 baud. The digital phone lines just can't handle that."

Eldridge says the reason Netscape is available in the library and some of the offices on campus is because these buildings have fiber optic phone cables, which can carry the data necessary for Netscape to run.

Despite the supposed inability for residence-hall systems to handle Netscape, Van Meter says many students have figured out ways to pirate the service for use on their residence-hall computers.

REGENTS from front

According to some Regents, many of the concerns addressed are not issues the Board deals with.

"Our job is to see if the administration's strategy is sound," Jones said.

Reactions to the forum were mixed.

Student Regent Jason Newland said, "A lot of the issues touched upon are probably issues that need to be addressed by the administration on campus. The board is primarily an advising group, dealing with macro-issues."

MSU student Venus Triplett, who addressed officials with

He says he suspects this action has caused several crashes in the campus's computer system. "The old servers were designed for text, and when graphics are used, the memory buffers just weren't designed to handle it," Van Meter says.

I would prefer students not use the phone lines for Netscape, but there is also a strong desire for graphics," he says.

For on-campus students who prefer to avoid illegally using the software, the wait for the Netscape service may seem to be a long one, but the capabilities of the service should prove to make the wait worthwhile.

concerns about the safety and maintenance of her home in Lakewood Terrace, said she thought administrators were "just trying to keep everybody happy."

History professor Charles Mackay said, "They didn't answer anything, but I'm not sure it's their job to do that. They need to do a better job of publicizing what it is they do."

Newland said, "The forum was good for interaction. The Board got a chance to meet people they serve and hear what they thought."

"At least the Board is aware of these issues now."

FORUM from front

decided that honorary doctorate degrees of Doctor of Musical Arts will be awarded to country music stars Ricky Skaggs and Tom T. Hall during the spring commencement ceremonies on May 17.

The Regents also approved the granting of tenure to several MSU faculty members with the issuance of their contracts for the 1997-98 year.

Five faculty members approved for tenure and promotion to the associate professor level: C. Glen Colburn, English, Constance Hardesty, sociology, Gary LaFleur, speech, David Peterson, education, and Cathy Thomas, speech.

Also approved for tenure with the issuance of their contracts for the 1997-98 year were: Lynn Augsbach, assistant professor of psychology, Cathy Barlow, professor of education, Wanda Staley, assistant professor of

education, Wendell O'Brien, assistant professor of philosophy, Marilyn Mote-Yate, assistant professor of government, Daniel Adomson, assistant professor of chemistry, Thomas Kilian, assistant professor of mathematics, and Steven Reed, assistant professor of geoscience.



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SPORTS

Lady Eagle bowlers earn number one national rank

BY SHANNON COLLINS
STAFF WRITER

The MSU Women's Bowling Team recently earned first place honors in the Bowling Writers' Association of America's 1996-97 season.

"It feels awesome to be ranked number one in the nation," says team member Tina Phillips.

"We have worked so hard and so long for this. It's a good position to be in because you get a lot of respect from other teams in the league."

Both the men's and women's teams compete in tournaments that take them to 11 different states, from Indiana to Nevada.

The teams first tournament is in May with the National Collegiate Championships.

"When you travel around to different parts of the country for the tournaments you learn a lot about yourself," Phillips says. "You meet a lot of people with different views and aspects on the game."

MSU bowling team coach Larry Wilson says all of his players are extremely devoted to the league.

"Everyone of these bowlers are going to school here because of the bowling team, not one of them would be here if it was not for the bowling team," Wilson says.

Diana Kurasz, from Bellport, N.Y., says being a member of the bowling team means learning how to work with people and push other

things with less importance aside. Wilson says the team has two group practices every week and three individual practices to prepare for a tournament.

To get her physical game ready Phillips says, she goes to the Wellness Center every week and works out to boost her endurance because exercise plays a central role in keeping up her game skills.

As for their mental game each bowler has her own way of preparing for the tournaments.

"I find the best mental preparation is just to go into each tournament with a positive attitude," says Kelly Kulick.

"They are very competitive teams, the girls love to bowl against the guys in practice," says Wilson.

Wilson says the women's team has three members up for the All-American bowling team, Diana Kurasz, Kelly Kulick and Tina Phillips.

"They should all make the All-American team this year, Kelly and Tina were second team All-Americans last year," Wilson says. Kulick, who also has a game average of 200 and is in the running for Bowler of the Year, says the most memorable moment in her bowling career occurred the first time she shot a perfect game of 300.

"My 300 was the first one ever shot by a woman," Kulick says. "I was confident, but I wasn't sure that I was going to get it until I shot my last frame. My heartbeat was pounding a mile a minute. I was so excited," she says.

Phillips sums up the team's success with the following. "We are a team, we act like it and work together." "We want to win Nationals, we make it work and that's what it takes."



The MSU Women's Bowling Team currently holds the number-one ranking in a poll recently released by the Bowling Writers' Association of America. Team members include, from left, Diana Kurasz, Brenda Rathbun, Kim Stepanowski, Staci Grisham, Mariann Winning, Penny Parker, Kelly Kulick and Tina Phillips.

MSU wins first two of year

BY JOHN WELLS IV
STAFF WRITER

Senior left-fielder Frank VanDyke hit four home runs and six RBIs in last weekend's series against Eastern Michigan to give the Eagles their first two wins this season and finish the series 2-3.

Friday's game was sent into extra innings after a 10-6 Eagle lead was shattered by four ninth inning EMU runs.

In the bottom of the tenth, the EMU pitcher walked MSU senior Dave Hanrahan with the bases loaded, forcing the winning run.

VanDyke and Hanrahan each had one home run in Friday's game.

MSU sent six pitchers to the mound in the game. Rodney Willis came out to pitch the last inning and a third to pitch up his first win of the season.

the season.

On Saturday, VanDyke led the way to a 11-9 MSU victory with 2 home runs and 3 RBIs.

Matt Martinez picked up the win for the Eagles and Troy Young came out to earn his first save of the year.

Todd Barker had three hits, including a homerun, and Chris Berry also had three hits to lead the Eagles hitting attack.

In Sunday's game, EMU scored three in the third inning, while MSU remained scoreless until the fifth.

In the top of the ninth EMU scored one run to make it 10-4. The Eagles came out swinging in the bottom of the ninth but fell short of the victory, scoring four to

make the final 10-8 in favor of EMU.

Troy Young took his fifth loss of the season on the mound for the Eagles.

Jason Becker and Josh Cox had two hits apiece to lead the Eagles at the plate.

VanDyke had one homerun and one RBI in the loss.

"The first two games we wouldn't give up," VanDyke said. "But in the loss, we didn't show up the first four innings."

"In the first two our hitting showed up; in the last our pitching did," VanDyke said. "When we get both to show up at the same time we'll get it done."

MSU's season record now stands at 2-11.

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Lady Eagles open season with sweep of Northern Kentucky

BY CASEY TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The MSU softball team opened their season by sweeping a doubleheader over Northern Kentucky University here Friday.

MSU won game one 2-1 on a strong performance by winning pitcher Cheri Venturino. Venturino allowed only one hit and struck out eight in the game.

The Lady Eagles scored one run in each of the first two innings. Freshman catcher Kelly Stewart drove in MSU's first run with a two out single in the bottom of the first inning.

Venturino helped her own cause by driving in MSU's second and eventual game-winning run in the bottom of the second.

NKU scored their only run in the third inning on a Lady Eagle

error with two outs and the bases loaded.

In the second game of the twinbill it took MSU two extra innings to pull out the 2-1 win.

MSU broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the third when Angie Brooker scored on a NKU throwing error after she had doubled to put the Lady Eagles up 1-0.

NKU also scored on a throwing error in the sixth inning to tie the game at one.

Lady Eagle pitcher Susan Pape worked out of a jam in the seventh inning when she struck out an NKU batter with two outs and a runner on third to keep the score tied.

MSU pulled out the win in the bottom of the ninth when Angie Roush doubled over the head of the NKU right fielder to drive in Shannon Bender who had singled

with one out.

MSU coach Jennifer VanSickle said Roush's hit was something MSU will need all season long.

"That's just a Senior getting a clutch hit," VanSickle said. "We need our Seniors to continue to do that for us all season."

VanSickle also said she was proud of her teams overall effort on the day.

"I told the team that this was a good step because we won a close game," VanSickle said. "Last season we lost a lot of close games."

VanSickle credited the strong performances from Venturino and Pape to the Lady Eagles wins.

"We got great pitching, if it wasn't for our pitchers we would not have won," VanSickle said.

MSU is now 2-0 heading into Tuesday's game at Dayton.

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